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Dear Mr. Nighbert:

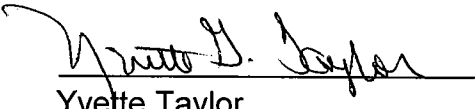
**Subject: 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Approval and Planning Finding**

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have reviewed the FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the State's transportation planning process. These observations form the basis for this STIP approval.

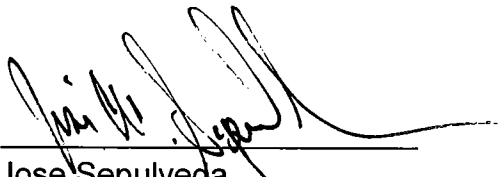
- The Transportation Cabinet uses 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs) very effectively in acquiring public input into the planning process. The ADDs assure that people in the rural areas of the State have an opportunity to voice their opinions on transportation matters. This includes extensive public involvement efforts to reach minority and underserved population.
- The Cabinet organized regular meetings with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and ADDs. We think that these meetings provide an excellent forum for the exchange of information and to insure appropriate coordination of planning efforts.
- The Transportation Cabinet has published a Statewide Transportation Planning Program Rural Consultation Report that outlines the planning process and the interaction of the ADDs, MPOs and statewide local officials. This document outlines in detail the ongoing concentrated effort in soliciting input from mayors, county judge executives, and other local officials to develop the Six Year Plan and the resulting Statewide Transportation Plan (STP) and the STIP.
- The Cabinet has regular meetings with the State Air Quality Planning Agency. These meetings have proved to be invaluable in assisting both agencies in understanding each other's position in dealing with the complexities of transportation air quality conformity issues.

- The STIP is fiscally constrained based on reasonable estimates of federal funding. The STIP recognizes that there are several mega-projects that require detailed financial plans prior to advancement. Several efforts are commendable including revenue forecasting, innovative financing, and inclusion of MPO financial tables. Please be advised that future project forecasting may require inflation rates and/or year of construction project cost estimates.

Because of the above comments, our certification reviews, your self certification statements, and our regular contacts with the MPO and Cabinet planning activities we find that the STIP was developed through a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135 and 49 USC 5303-5305.



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Dear Mr. Sepulveda:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 30-day public participation process for the "Draft" STIP ended on August 15, 2006. We have responded to all the comments resulting from the public participation process and have incorporated them into the final document. The review comments consisted of minor corrections and additional information on Fiscal Constraint tables, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and the interrelationships between the STIP and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP).

The listing of projects identified in the STIP consists of projects within each of the 120 Kentucky counties and the District 99 Zvarious funding categories approved by the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly. The listing of STIP projects located within MPO areas is to provide the entire listing of transportation projects within the Commonwealth. However, the projects located within a MPO area and not in the current TIP will be amended into the TIP, and then the TIP Amendment will be amended into the STIP prior to authorization of federal funding.

We are requesting your approval of the FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Sincerely,

Marc D. Williams, P.E.
Commissioner of Highways

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Enclosure

c: Bill Nighbert, Secretary
Marcelyn Mathews, State Highway Engineer

Kentucky's

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2007-2010

The Kentucky General Assembly approved the enactment of House Bill 380 (Appropriations Bill) during the 2006 Legislative Session. Included within the approved state budget was approval of the 2006 Enacted FY 2007-2012 Six-Year Highway Plan (SYP). The Transportation Cabinet's overall transportation program contained within the FY 2007-2010 STIP is consistent with the state and federal revenue estimates and assumptions, and contains projects as identified within the 2006 Enacted SYP.

<http://transportation.ky.gov/progmgmt/stip/stip06.htm>

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Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2007-2010

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